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67010-056**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks examiner for the detailed remarks and analysis. Claims 1-3, 22 and 24-28 are pending, with claims 1, 3-22 and 24 allowed.

Claims 25-28 were rejected as not being enabled because the claim does not include a level control valve. The examiner argues that the level control valve is an essential feature and because it is not included in the claim, the claim is not properly enabled. Applicant disagrees and requests reconsideration.

The specification does not state that the level control valve 40 is a required element. Instead, the specification states that the pressure of the liquid 52 must be raised before exiting the separator assembly 10. Pressure is increased in the separator chamber 14 by the rotating disks 26 (Paragraph 17). Any increase in pressure after the liquid outlet valve 58 is provided by the pump 62.

It appears that the examiner believes that the level control valve 40 is somehow utilized to raise the pressure of liquid once past the outlet valve 58. However, the level control valve 40 does not increase this pressure but provides for control of a liquid level within the separator chamber 14 (paragraph 20). Pressure required to open the outlet valve 58 is provided by an increase in pressure above a predetermined level that corresponds to the pressure required to allow liquid to exit the separator assembly 10, through the liquid outlet 36 and enter the high-pressure storage tank 100 (paragraph 21). The increase in pressure is provided by the rotating disks 26 within the separator chamber (paragraph 17). The increase in pressure is not provided by the level control valve 40. Further, the pump 62 provides any increase in pressure after the liquid outlet valve 58.

Accordingly, the claim is enabled and includes all the elements for the invention. Applicant therefore requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

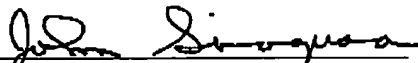
Applicant believes that this rejection is overcome. Applicant requests that Examiner contact Applicant if any further explanation would aid in the Examiner.

Accordingly, the claims are believed in condition for allowance and a notice to the effect is earnestly solicited. No additional fees are required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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